



Judicial Council of California

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MEMORANDUM

Date

March 29, 2006

To

Justices of the Courts of Appeal
Judges, Commissioners, and Referees of the
Superior Courts
Executive Officers of the Superior Courts
Clerk/Administrators of the Courts of Appeal
Judicial Council Members
Judicial Council Advisory Committee and
Task Force Members
Specialty Bar Associations
Law-Related Community Organizations
Interested Others

From

Kenneth L. Kann, Acting Director
Executive Office Programs Division

Action Requested

Submit nomination information by
requested deadline.

Deadline

June 30, 2006

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Subject

2006 Judicial Council Advisory Committee
Nominations

The Executive and Planning Committee of the California Judicial Council is soliciting nominations to fill vacancies on the Judicial Council advisory committees.

The Judicial Council is the policymaking body of the California courts. Under the leadership of the Chief Justice and in accordance with the California Constitution, the council is responsible for ensuring the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice. Advisory committees assist the council by drawing upon their collective experience and wisdom to provide options and recommendations to the council on matters within their charge.

Committee Vacancies

The Chief Justice appoints advisory committee members according to positions or categories prescribed by the California Rules of Court and by statute. Positions held by members vary according to the focus of the committee. For example, the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee includes the categories of CASA director and children's rights attorney; the

Appellate Advisory Committee includes the categories of appellate justice and trial court judge with appellate experience. The 2006 advisory committee nomination form lists the positions for which nominations are being solicited in this cycle.

New Judicial Officer Program

In 2004, the Judicial Council implemented the New Judge Program to foster the participation of recently appointed judges on its advisory committees. For the 2006 nomination cycle, a *new judicial officer* position is included in most committees' vacancies. These one-year positions are limited to judicial officers who have served one to two years on the bench, and will provide them with an opportunity to participate in branchwide policymaking early in their judicial careers.

Committee Members' Responsibilities and Time Commitment

The council's advisory committees regularly monitor certain topics, areas of law, and segments of the judiciary and they comment to the council on identified issues. Each committee reviews and makes recommendations on legislation, rules, standards, and forms within its purview. Committee membership requires a commitment of 10 hours per month on average but may vary considerably from month to month, depending on the projects under way. Committees meet in person up to 3 times per year and by telephone conference 5 to 10 times per year.

Committee Members' Terms

Terms of service for advisory committee members are generally three years, although some committees' terms are for only one or two years. Terms of service for those appointed in this nomination cycle will begin November 1, 2006. For a description of the membership, terms, functions, and duties of advisory committees, see rules 6.30 through 6.59 of the California Rules of Court.

How to Apply

Complete a nomination form, attach nominee's biography or curriculum vitae no longer than two pages, and return these by **June 30, 2006** to:

Administrative Office of the Courts
Office of the Secretariat
Attn: Roma K. Cheadle
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San Francisco, California 94102-3688
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Alternatively, the nomination forms can be completed online or downloaded from the California Courts Web site at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courtadmin/jc/nomform.htm.

Before nominating someone, please check to ensure that your nominee is interested in a position and is available to serve if selected. Self-nominations are encouraged. Nominations for the California Judicial Council are also underway, with a deadline of **May 5, 2006**.

We appreciate your contribution to this important process. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Secretariat at 415-865-7640.